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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO NEW LAO GOVERNMENT

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SUMMARY: THE CREATION OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF LAOS IN EARLY DECEMBER HAS BROUGHT FORTH
A GUSH OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM BOTH COMMUNIST
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AND NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS. THOSE FROM INDIA, ALGERIA,

THE PLO, IRAQ, MALAYSIA, CAPE VERDE, THE PHILIPPINES, THE FRG, INDONESIA AND JAPAN ARE OUTLINED IN THIS MESSAGE. AND EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN LAOS AND THAILAND WAS TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL. END SUMMARY

1. THE DEMISE OF THE KINGDOM OF LAOS AND THE FORMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS (PDRL) WHICH TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 2, 1975 OCCASIONED A CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM FRATERNAL COMMUNIST STATES. MORE INTERESTINGLY, A NUMBER OF NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS AND THE PLO HAVE SENT SIMILAR MESSAGES, SOME RIVALING THE COMMUNISTS' SYRUPY LANGUAGE, TO THE AUTHORITIES OF THE NEW PDRL. WE OUTLINE THESE MESSAGES FROM NON-COMMUNISTS BELOW IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY HAVE APPEARED IN THE LAO INFORMATION MINISTRY'S LAO PRESSE DAILY BULLETIN.

2. INDIA: THE DECEMBER 10 LAO PRESSE CARRIED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED, PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI AND AMBASSADOR TO LAOS DEVARAO. BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. GANDHI IN THEIR MESSAGES, WHICH WERE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG, RECALLED WITH "ADMIRATION YOUR GREAT ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF THE LAO PEOPLE AND YOUR CONSISTENT FRIENDSHIP FOR INDIA." AMBASSADOR RAO STATED THAT "THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDIA HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, PEACE, UNITY AND PROSPERITY OF LAOS."

3. ALGERIA: THE SAME ISSUE OF LAO PRESSE CARRIED A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENE TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG. THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT DESCRIBED THE PDRL'S FORMATION AS AN EVENT "GIVING JOY TO ALL THE WORLD'S PROGRESSIVE PEOPLES." HE ADDED THAT ALGERIA WOULD "NOT FAIL TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOST OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD-WORLD TO RESIST NEW IMPERIALIST AND COLONIALIST EFFORTS WHICH MENACE ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA. OUR EFFORTS WILL BE CONSECRATED AS IN THE PAST TO REINFORCING THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS MOVEMENT WHICH EXPRESSES IN THE MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUDICIOUS WAY THE FUNDAMENTAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE THIRD-WORLD."

4. PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION: LAO PRESSE OF DECEMBER 11 CONTAINED A MESSAGE TO THE LAO PRESIDENT FROM HAMAD AYDI, PLO REPRESENTATIVE AT PEKING. AYDI STATED: "ON THE OCCASION OF THE FORMATION OF THE PDRL, IN THE NAME OF MR. ARAFAT, PRESIDENT OF THE PLO AND

IN THE NAME OF THE PALISTINIAN PEOPLE ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS
TO YOU MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE'S REVOLU-
TIONARY PARTY OF LAOS AND THE FRATERNAL LAO PEOPLE."

5. IRAQ: A MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER SAADOON HAMMADI
TO THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTER APPEARED IN THE DECEMBER 12
LAO PRESSE. IT READ: "IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO
CORDIALLY EXPRESS TO YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION
OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE REPUBLIC IN YOUR FRIENDLY
COUNTRY, WE FORSEE CLOSER COOPERATION IN MANY AREAS BETWEEN
OUR TWO PEOPLES AND OUR TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AND WE WISH
PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY TO YOUR PEOPLE UNDER THE NEW
REGIME."

6. MALAYSIA: THE SAME ISSUE OF LAO PRESSE CONTAINED THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE LAO PRESIDENT FROM THE YANG DI-
PERTUAN AGONG: "AT THE PROPITIOUS OCCASION OF THE PROC-
LAMATION OF THE PDRL, I WISH, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERN-
MENT AND PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA AND IN MY OWN NAME, TO EXPRESS
MY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR ELECTION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF
THE PDRL AND TO EXPRESS MY BEST AND SINCERE WISHES FOR
SUCCESS." ON DECEMBER 15 A MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER
RAZAK TO PRIME MINISTER (AND PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL)
KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE APPEARED. MR. RAZAK AFFIRMED THAT
"MY GOVERNMENT IS READY TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN
THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES."

7. CAPE VERDE: ON DECEMBER 16 LAO PRESSE PUBLISHED A
MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ABILIO DUARTE TO THE LAO
FOREIGN MINISTER. MR. DUARTE DESCRIBED PRESIDENT
SOUPHANOUVONG AS "PERSONIFYING THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST
STRUGGLE" OF LAOS AND CONVEYED TO THE "BROTHER MILITANT
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PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF LAOS" HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
"GRANDIOSE VICTORY" OF THE "PATHET LAO". HE ADDED THAT
HE HOPED FOR CLOSER "FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MILITANT
SOLIDARITY" BETWEEN "OUR TWO PEOPLES, PARTIES AND GOV-
ERNMENTS."

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8. PHILIPPINES: THE DECEMBER 29 LAO PRESSE CARRIED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDNET MARCOS TO PRESIDENT SOUPHANOUVONG: "IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ENTERING INTO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE PDRL. THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES JOIN WITH MRS. MARCOS AND MYSELF IN TRANSMITTING TO YOU OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SUCCESS AS WELL AS FOR THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE LAO PEOPLE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS." PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE.

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9. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR VON SCHMIDT PAULI (RESIDENT AT BANGKOK) ALSO APPEARED ON DECD EOER 29. IT WAS PURELY PROTOCOLARY.

10. INDONESIA: THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO TO PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE WAS PUBLISHED ON DECEMBER 29: "IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDONESIA, I WISH TO WARMLY CONGRATULATE YOUR EXCELLENCY AT THE MOMENT OF YOUR ENTRY INTO THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE PDRL. PLEASE ACCEPT EXCELLENCY MY SINCERE WISHES FOR EVERY SUCCESS AND ALSO FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING."

11. JAPAN LAO PRESSE OF DECEMBER 29 REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR SUGANUMA HAD CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE ON DECEMBER 27. ACCORDING TO LAO PRESSE: "DURING HIS VISIT THE DIPLOMAT AFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT FOR AND PLEASURE OVER THE NEW LAO GOVERNMENT"... AND "REAFFIRMED ONCE AGAIN THAT JAPAN CONTINUED ITS AID AND SUPPORT FOR THE LAO GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO ITS CAPACITIES."

12. THAILAND: AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN LAOS AND THAILAND IS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
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